



MATT BLUNT  
GOVERNOR

MICHAEL N. KEATHLEY  
COMMISSIONER

STATE OF MISSOURI  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
JEFFERSON CITY

STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 125  
P. O. BOX 809  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65102  
PHONE: (573) 751-1851  
FAX: (573) 751-1212

December 5, 2007

State Auditor Susan Montee  
Room 121, State Capitol  
Jefferson City, Missouri

**HAND DELIVERY**

Dear Auditor Montee:

Thank you for agreeing to my request to audit Attorney General Jay Nixon's political use of his state vehicle. The Associated Press reported on October 31 that you had no plans to undertake a special audit of the Attorney General Nixon's office until 2009 and I appreciate that you have reversed that decision.

As I pointed out in my request for your audit, Mr. Nixon's office misled your predecessor during her 2006 audit about the attorney general's political use of his state vehicle.

To this point I am following up on a statement you gave The Associated Press on October 12 about Mr. Nixon's office misleading the State Auditor. In that statement you said "The representation at that time in that audit from the attorney general is that his use was official use."

As you are well aware it is against state law to withhold information from state auditors. In fact, section 29.250 RSMo, requires the state auditor to report to the prosecuting attorney any instance where a state officer 'shall refuse to submit their books, papers and concerns to the inspection of the state auditor.' Violation of this disclosure requirement is a misdemeanor.

As part of my investigation into whether Mr. Nixon has adequately compensated the taxpayers of Missouri for his political use of his state vehicle, I am again asking you to provide me the names of the staff members in the Attorney General's office who misled the State Auditor and her office. Specifically, I would like to know who in the Attorney General's office provided false "representation," as you called it, that Mr. Nixon was using his state car for only official purposes.

I am trying to determine who in Attorney General Nixon's office was a part of an attempted cover up of the political use of state equipment.

I respectfully request this information from your office as quickly as possible and by December 12 at the latest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael N. Keathley".

Michael N. Keathley  
Commissioner